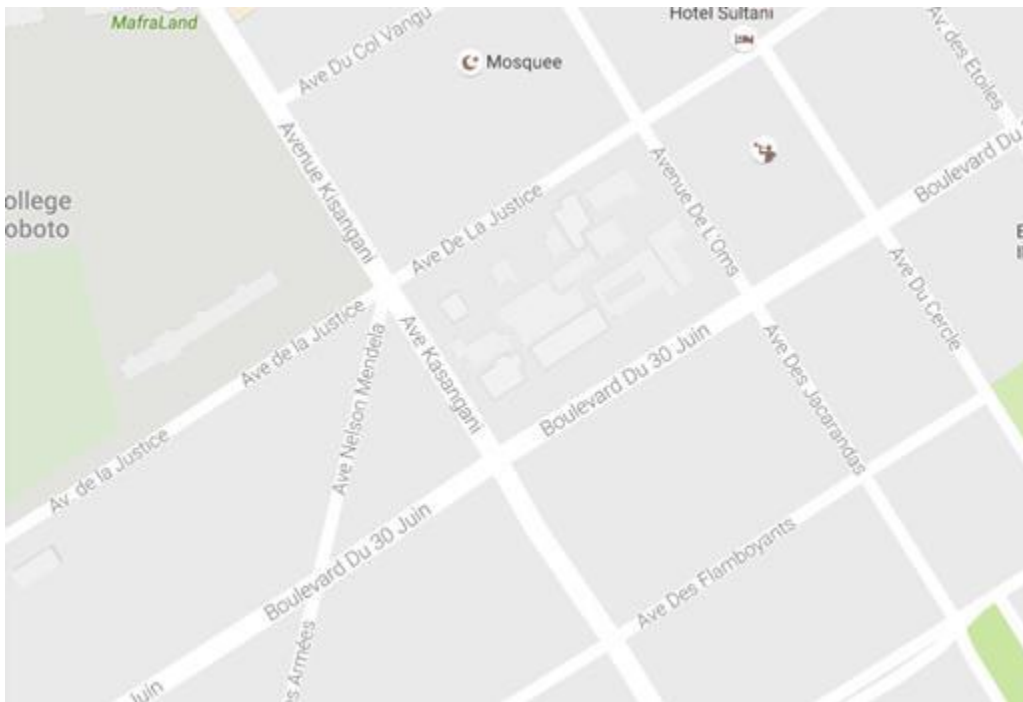


**U.S. Embassy Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo**  
**Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Sit-in Demonstration at AU**  
October 25, 2016

The U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa informs U.S. citizens that from October 26-27, 2016, civil society groups are expected to conduct a “sit-in” at the African Union office in Kinshasa. The level of participation remains unknown at this time. U.S. citizens are advised to avoid the area around Blvd 30 Juin and Avenue de la Liberation (a.k.a. 24 Novembre). Multiple alternate routes are available (such as Ave de la Justice) to bypass that area.



Also, reports indicate that additional “sit-ins” may be conducted at provincial assembly buildings throughout DRC.

The U.S. Embassy advises U.S. citizens to avoid large gatherings, protests, and demonstrations. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Review the [Travel Warning for the DRC](#) and remain alert for potentially dangerous situations.

For further information:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information for the DRC](#).
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the [U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa](#), located at 310 Avenue des Aviateurs, at +243-081-225-5872 (Do not dial the zero when calling from abroad); the Consular Section at tel. +243-081-884-6859 or +243-081-884-4609 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is 081-556-0151.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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